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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5836

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, ETRN, GB

SUBJ: TRANSGABON RAILROAD - RAILS, TIES

REF: STATE 230279

1. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT MARKET FOR STEEL--PARTICULARLY RAILS--IS CURRENTLY TIGHT AND UNDERSTANDS FULLY DIFFICULTIES DESCRIBED REFTEL. OCTRA HAS CONCEDED THAT THEY ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES FINDING SUFFICIENT RAILS.

2. AS FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO FURNISH UP TO HALF OF RAILS AND GERMANS WILL SUPPLY LARGE PORTION OF REMAINDER, HOWEVER, AMOUNT NEEDED FROM U.S. WOULD BE QUITE SMALL. U.S. RAILS MOREOVER WOULD NOT BE NEEDED BEFORE THREE YEARS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT EITHER U.S. STEEL OR BETHLEHEM, WHICH BOTH STAND TO BENEFIT FROM RAILROAD, SHOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING TO MAKE AT LEAST A SMALL OFFER.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INDICATION (PARA 4 REFTEL) THAT COMMERCE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE MATTER AND HOPES THAT ABOVE ARGUMENTS WILL CARRY SOME WEIGHT.

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4. RE TIES, EMBASSY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OCTRA AND

COMMUNICATE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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